

**Public Chapter 399**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1819**

**By Gilbert**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1898

By Ritchie, Tindell, Jackson

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, relative to campaign finance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) It is unlawful for a responsible party of a multicandidate political campaign committee who has a prior assessment record to intentionally fail to file a required report under Title 2, Chapter 10, for which the party is responsible for filing, within thirty-five (35) days after service of process or receipt of notice from the registry by registered or certified mail. For the purposes of this section, "responsible party" is the treasurer of the committee appointed pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, §2-10-105(e), or if no treasurer has been appointed, any person who organizes or directs the fundraising activities of a multicandidate political campaign committee. A responsible party shall be considered to have a prior assessment record for purposes of this section if during the person's service as a responsible party to one (1) or more multicandidate political campaign committees, the committee or committees violate on two (2) or more occasions §2-10-110 or §2-10-308 and such violations result in the committee or committees being assessed a penalty by the registry.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.